

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 - 72 (canceled)

Claim 73 (currently amended) A flexible linear charge element adapted to the penetration of a structure; said linear charge element forming an elongate composite structure; said composite structure including:

- (a) an extruded carcass of closed cell foam ~~a shaped explosive charge component;~~
- (b) a first overlaid layer of a cutting sheet liner component; ~~and~~
- (c) a second overlaid layer of explosive sheet; ~~and~~
- (d) a third overlaid layer of a tubular stand-off member component , ~~and~~

~~wherein each said component is at least partially enveloped in an inertial mass tamping carapace, wherein said carcass is provided with side flange portions; said side flange portions providing termination elements for said first, second and third layers; each of said first, second and third layers being affixed to said carcass by a suitable adhesive; said inertial mass carapace comprising a dense, non-toxic, flexible plasticized metal composite.~~

Claim 74 (currently amended) The liner charge element of claim 73 wherein said cutting sheet liner component is disposed between ~~said layer of shaped explosive sheet and said extruded carcass charge component and said stand-off member component.~~

Claim 75 (previously presented) The linear charge element of claim 74 wherein said

cutting sheet liner component comprises a matrix of polymers incorporating a dense distribution of metal carbide particles.

Claim 76 (currently amended) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said layer of explosive sheet charge component is a shaped charge component; a shape of said shaped charge component adapted to produce a "Monroe Effect" when detonated.

Claim 77 (cancelled)

Claim 78 (previously presented) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said inertial mass tampering carapace is formed of a dense inert compound.

Claim 79 (previously presented) The linear charge element of claim 78 wherein said inert compound comprises powdered barium sulphate.

Claim 80 (previously presented) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said stand-off member component is adapted to provide a separation between said cutting sheet liner and said structure.

Claim 81 (currently amended) The linear charge element of claim 80 wherein said stand-off member component extruded carcass is in the form of an elongate flexible closed cell foam structure.

Claim 82 (currently amended) The charge element of claim 80 wherein said stand-off

~~member component extruded carcass~~ is in the form of an elongate flexible hollow tubular member.

Claim 83 (previously presented) The linear charge element of claim 73 wherein said composite structure is provided with attachment means adapted to attach said linear charge element to a surface of said structure.

Claim 84 (previously presented) The charge element of claim 83 wherein said attachment means comprises at least one adhesive strip arranged along an underside of said composite structure.

Claim 85 (previously presented) The linear charge element of claim 84 wherein said attachment means comprises at least one magnetic strip arranged along an underside of said composite structure.